West Virginia Library Commission

Library Lookout

Reminder: Grants-In-Aid Forms Available

Grants-in-Aid forms are available on the WVLC website, http://www.librarycommission.wv.gov. Note that all information must be submitted to the Library Commission by June 3.

Mountain Library Network Membership Meeting May 17

The Annual Mountain Library Network Membership Meeting will be held Friday, May 17 at the Raleigh County Public Library. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. The morning session will feature updates, reminders and announcements. The afternoon session will focus on training; it will include setting up a listserv discussion to distribute notices, newsletters and announcements that inform your patrons about what is happening at your library.

The second session will also deal with Resource Description and Access (RDA), the new standard for cataloging. The Library of Congress has announced that it will have fully implemented RDA cataloging by March 31, 2013. All level two and three catalogers will be required to take RDA training before the end of the year. We encourage directors to bring their catalogers to get this important training. It will also be helpful for non-catalogers to understand why the records will look slightly differently in the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC).

Continuing Education credit has been approved for attending the afternoon sessions. If you stay for both sessions, staff will receive three credit hours and directors will get four.

The meeting will be an opportunity to learn more about the Millennium integrated library system (ILS) as well. In addition, the member-at-large representative will be elected to serve on the board. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Vicky Terry at terryv@mail.mln.lib.wv.us.

Lunch will be provided and cost around $10 per person. Please bring cash or write a check payable to Raleigh County Public Library. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Eva McGuire, mcguiree@mail.mln.lib.wv.us with the name of your library and the number attending.

Broadband Adoption Toolkit Available

The U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has released the Broadband Adoption Toolkit, a document aimed at sharing best practices developed from broadband adoption and digital literacy projects funded by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Leveraging the experience of about 100 communities served by BTOP to benefit the entire nation, the Toolkit gives practical ideas and tools for overcoming barriers to getting more Americans online access. Visit http://tinyurl.com/bw84lor to download the toolkit. Please note that the toolkit is 23MB, so downloading may take longer than usual.

Free "Teens and the Future of Libraries" Webinar Series

Throughout May, Connected Learning TV and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) are offering free webinars on how connected learning interweaves with the future of teen library spaces and programs. No registration is required. General information about the series is available at http://tinyurl.com/c9qsv4h.

Each webinar is from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Upcoming webinars are:

- May 21: Getting Library & IT Administrators On-Board with Leveraging Social Media, http://tinyurl.com/c3zoap3

- May 28: Teens and the Future of Libraries: Sharing Best Practices, http://tinyurl.com/cfathvd

In addition to the webinars, participants are invited to add to the #futureoflibraries Twitter chat and connect with others in the Connected Learning community on Google+.

After the last session, connectedlearning.tv and YALSA will produce a free summary report with tools and resources for librarians and library workers.

Virtual Training on Shared Collection Development

Registration is now open for "Shared Collection Development: Collaborative Models for Digital Collections," which runs June 10 - 11. This two-day virtual conference provides an overview of collection development for shared electronic resource collections.

- Monday, June 10 - Demand-Driven Acquisitions for a Shared eBook Collection: The Colorado Alliance Experience. This 90-minute session will begin at 3:00 PM.

- Tuesday, June 11 - e-Resource Sharing: Getting *Buy* With a Little Help from Your Friends. This 60-minute session will begin at 2:00 PM.

To register, visit ALA Online Learning at http://tinyurl.com/3xu9hf6. Registration for all sessions is $62 for ALCTS members, $80 for non-members and $168 for groups. Registration for a single session is $39 for ALCTS members, $49 for non-members and $99 for groups. ALCTS webinars are free to LIS students.

For more information, visit the Shared Collection Development page on the ALCTS website, http://tinyurl.com/ccacdlf. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Reese, ALCTS Continuing Education, jreese@ala.org.

Library Management Institute Summer Conference, June 3-4 in Philadelphia

If you are a library manager, don't miss this year's Library Management Institute Summer Conference, two days of workshops and networking on a suburban college campus near Philadelphia. Enjoy the intimate setting and the opportunity to learn from some of the country's leading library managers. The conference fee includes all keynote events, all workshops, all meals, and a discount on the optional evening activity. The conference has been applauded for its quality education and the ability of those who attend to share ideas with their colleagues in a small and manageable setting.

The Conference also offers complimentary shuttle service to and from Philadelphia International Airport and Amtrak's 30th Street Station as well as to and from the official hotels throughout the conference. To view the conference brochure and register, visit http://tinyurl.com/c34hrbl.

PLA "Boot Camp" in August

Want to get motivated and transform your management skills? The Public Library Association's "PLA Boot Camp" is four-and-a-half days of intensive, interactive public library management education – the things you didn't learn in library school – with June Garcia and Sandra Nelson.

PLA Boot Camp is August 6-10 at the Nashville, Tennessee Public Library. At the conclusion, you'll have the tools to:

- Create a library environment that supports risk and innovation
- Understand and respond to ongoing changes in the external environment
- Develop goals and objectives that reflect local service priorities
- Identify and select effective activities that respond to service priorities
- Review and maximize staff workload and skills
- Allocate collection technology and facilities resources to support library activities

Learn more about the program online at http://tinyurl.com/d8pn7jw. Because participation is limited, interested librarians are required to fill out an online application (http://tinyurl.com/bwmexsk) to be accepted into Boot Camp. The application deadline is June 14. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program within two weeks of submitting an application and can then proceed with registration.

Community Discussions Address Making the Most of the First Three Years

Most libraries feel a special responsibility to provide books, spaces and resources for parents and very young children in our communities. Libraries play an important role in the healthy development of our youngest citizens. However,

library leaders may not always know what more they can do to make the library a more effective resource for parents and young children.

The WV Early Childhood Advisory Council and the WV Center for Civic Life are sponsoring community discussions around the state to set directions for community action. The program is called **Making the Most of the First Three Years: How Can We Give Our Youngest Children a Good Start in Life?**

Libraries can take a leadership role in reaching out to other organizations to host a discussion. The WV Early Childhood Advisory Council will support their efforts by providing the resources and assistance needed:

- Copies of a community discussion guide for participants
- Conversation starter video for use in your discussions
- Resource materials for discussion hosts and moderators
- Post-discussion questionnaire for participants
- Coaching in convening and moderating as needed

More information appears in the overview (http://tinyurl.com/ahx6eb5) and manual (http://tinyurl.com/az6hsgx). A short video to start the conversation can be seen at www.wvciviclife.org.

For more information, contact Gretchen Frankenberry, Executive Manager. Early Childhood Advisory Council of West Virginia, 304-558-2440, Gretchen.D.Frankenberry@wv.gov, www.wvearlylearning.org.

Therapy Dogs Provide Non-Judgmental Atmosphere

Over the past two years, Mountaineer Therapy Dogs has partnered with libraries to offer monthly opportunities for children to read to Mountaineer's therapy dogs. They began at Lowe Public Library in Shinnston and now work with six libraries in four West Virginia counties:

- Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport, Harrison County
- Lowe Public Library, Shinnston, Harrison County
- Morgantown Public Library, Morgantown, Monongalia County
- Philippi Public Library, Philippi, Barbour County
- Southern Area Library, Lost Creek, Harrison County
- Taylor County Public Library, Grafton, Taylor County

All the programs are very successful, according to Barbara Higgins, who owns one of the dogs. Everyone loves interacting with the therapy dogs, and children who read to them thoroughly enjoy and benefit from the experience.

Mountaineer's registered and insured therapy dogs are non-judgmental friends who patiently encourage children to relax, sound out words, and practice reading at a comfortable pace. In addition to improving reading skills, children's social skills also benefit, particularly home-schooled children who may not be interacting with peers on a daily basis.

In a recent interview with WBOY TV, Nicole Klee, another Mountaineer Therapy Dogs owner, said the program has a calming effect on children and boosts their self-confidence. "Dogs are great listeners and they don't worry about whether kids mispronounce a word or stumble across things. It gives children more confidence in their reading skills, and gives the kids a chance to hang out with the dog." Klee and her colleagues stay by the dogs and offer help with the reading if a child requests it. Rebecca Conrad is the third member and dog owner of Mountaineer Therapy Dogs, which is based in Fairmont.

Each reading session lasts 15 minutes and children are able to bring their own book or choose one from the library. If you have questions, contact Barbara Higgins, barbara.higgins@mountaineertherapydogs.com, (304) 368-8946.

Potluck Show at the Raleigh County Public Library

The Register-Herald in Beckley reports that Friends of the Raleigh County Public Library will present The Potluck Show on Thursday at 6:00 PM. "The free performance includes songs, stories, and poems by Karen Vuranch, Julie Adams and Colleen Anderson. Familiar to many in our area, these artists have gathered their favorite pieces about cookery and community — and the connection between them — into a heartfelt performance you won't want to miss." Read more at http://tinyurl.com/cldebcc.

Craft, Taylor County Public Libraries Celebrate Anniversaries

The Craft Memorial Library in Bluefield recently celebrated its 100th birthday with a Diamond Jubilee reception on May 7. Doc Greenberg's Patient Jazz provided music while the Perfect Bite Catering Company provided food.

Now it is the turn of the Taylor County Public Library in Grafton, which is celebrating its 90th year with an Open House on Thursday, May 23 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. The Honorable Judge Alan D. Moats will speak and a mini-concert featuring Leo Roe accompanied by Rick Kennedy will follow. For additional information please call the library at 304-265-6121.